

## Bomb Thrown Into Crowded Market

### Alternative To Aid For Europe

Washington, Dec. 29.—An Administration source said today that if the European recovery programme fails or is rejected by Congress and Europe goes to the Communists, the United States may have to spend as much as \$20,000,000,000 a year on defence.

The recovery programme, entailing \$17,000,000,000 for 16 European countries, is worth trying as a cheaper way out even though results cannot be guaranteed, according to this source. That is about the theme Administration leaders will take to the Congress when it is launched for the recovery programme.

In the Administration's view a drastic reduction of the four-year programme by Congress ultimately would require a longer programme to put Europe back on its feet. It argued that chances of success would diminish as the amount of aid is curtailed, particularly in the first year.

The estimates of what the United States may have to spend on its military forces are based on the possibility that the Soviet Union may extend its influence to the Atlantic and bring virtually all Europe under its control. In this event it was said that the United States might have to about double its present \$11,710,000,000 annual military programme.—United Press.

### BAO DAI IN LONDON

London, Dec. 30.—Bao Dai, exiled emperor of Annam, arrived here today from Hongkong aboard a BOAC aircraft on a mission apparently aimed at settlement of a dispute with the French over the future of Indo-China.

He is expected to undergo an eye treatment in London, then proceed to Paris and later to America. There have been reports from Hongkong that Bao Dai, at present leader of the Viet Nam moderates, may seek an American loan.

Saigon dispatches to Paris newspapers quoted well-informed sources as saying a three-point offer had been transmitted to Bao Dai by the French.—Associated Press.

### EDITORIAL

## China's Critical Year

WHAT does 1948 hold in store for China? It is an anxious, and urgent question, and its answer is calculated deeply to affect the future of the Pacific. The 1947 background offers little in the way of encouragement. The civil war has not only become steadily intensified, but results are very much to the disadvantage of the National Government. Economically the country is stagnant and financially it is bankrupt. The Chinese dollar is well-nigh valueless, while cost of living is fantastic. Inflation is reminiscent of Germany after World War I. The ironical difference being that the Germans were a defeated people, while the Chinese are supposed to be enjoying the fruits of victory. Politically, China is hopelessly divided with despotism still in the ascendancy. These are the general conditions under which China enters a new calendar year, and it is these conditions which are prompting certain radical and moderate elements to forecast for 1948 a general insurrection against the existing Kuomintang-dominated Central Government. But there are many factors which will combine to influence China's immediate future. First among them is the traditional apathy of the Chinese masses towards revolutionary and insurrectionary movements. And Chiang Kai-shek as a leader still grips the popular imagination, even though there may be a widespread feeling that his

## 11 ARABS KILLED British Constables Among Victims

Jerusalem, Dec. 29.—Infuriated Arabs stormed through the streets of Jerusalem's Old City today in search of Jews to avenge the nine Arabs killed by Irgun terrorists, who flung a powerful bomb from a speeding car into the crowded Damascus Gate orange market.

Two British constables were killed—one when terrorists sprayed the area with machinegun fire before the explosion, and one when a group of Arabs opened fire afterwards.

The bodies of the dead and injured lay among scattered oranges. The Government Hospital reported two more Arab deaths to the nine officially reported, and at least 37 injured.

### Fiance's Tragic Joke

London, Dec. 29.—Richard Stanley Morris, 30, of Bridge Road, Stanfree, accidentally shot his 20-year-old fiancee Sybil Marriott on Christmas Eve when he produced a revolver as a joke.

At today's inquest a verdict of accidental death was recorded. Morris, who was very distressed, said that on Christmas Eve, his birthday, Miss Marriott went with him to his parents' home to fill the children's stockings.

There were about a dozen people in the front room and his mother brought in a cockerel which they were having for dinner. He produced a six-chambered revolver which had been sent to him and jestingly said: "This is to keep poultry thieves away."

He then filled the chambers with cartridges and closed the revolver and was about to "break" it again to remove the cartridges when it went off.

Miss Marriott, who was sitting on an armchair about four yards away, exclaimed: "You have got me." He thought she was "gaming" so he put his arm around her neck but she collapsed and died.

The police stated that the revolver had a very light trigger.—Reuter.

Within ten minutes of the explosion Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish terrorist organisation, telephoned Hebrew journalists and claimed responsibility, saying the Damascus Gate was a "meeting place for Arab hangers-on."

Most of the casualties—which were known to include Arab women and children—occurred among the crowd at a bus stop near an Arab cafe.

A carload of armed Arabs rushed through the Old City in pursuit of a Jewish taxi, which was trying to escape into the Jewish quarter.

When the taxi's escape had been blocked, the Arabs shot dead the two Jewish occupants and then set fire to the taxi.

### REPRISAL MURDER

One other British constable was wounded at the Damascus Gate, and another was shot dead by unknown gunmen—believed to be Arabs—in a gunfight near the Austrian Hospital, also in the Old City.

Dr C. Malouf, an Arab physician in charge of the Mental Hospital at Bethlehem, was shot dead today on the road to Bethlehem. Arab sources claimed that he was killed by Jews as a reprisal for the murder yesterday of a Jewish doctor near the Government Isolation Hospital outside Jerusalem.

One British soldier was killed and two were wounded when armed men wearing battle dress and steel helmets attacked an armoured car of Jaffa.

The bandits stole 74 rifles, 3,000 rounds of ammunition, and a number of Sten guns and pistols.

The Jewish Agency's mobilisation fund launched last month with a target of £500,000 for "security purposes," will reach £600,000 by December 31, a Jewish Agency spokesman said today.

Similar security funds were now being launched in South Africa and the United States with unlimited ceilings, the spokesman added.—Reuter.

### LEAVE CANCELLED

Baghdad, Dec. 29.—Iraq today cancelled all leave for army officers, doctors and nurses, it was officially learned.

The Palestine Defence Committee said that volunteers had been leaving the capital for undisclosed destinations during the past three days.

Among the volunteers examined by doctors in Baghdad, mosques during the past 24 hours were ex-servicemen, tribesmen and students.—Reuter.

## FATAL PLANE CRASH

Karachi, Dec. 30.—Nineteen passengers, including an American Jesuit priest, and four crew members were killed when an Indian transport plane crashed on Sunday night shortly after taking off from Karachi to Bombay.

The priest, Father J. G. Sloan, belonged to the Patna Mission in India, where he had been for eight years. He had arrived on Saturday in Karachi from Bahrain on the Persian Gulf, and was en route to Ceylon on a preaching mission.—Associated Press.

## New U.S. Presidential Candidate



## Henry Wallace For Presidency

### ANNOUNCES DECISION

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The unpredictable Henry Wallace, twice a Cabinet member and once Vice-President, announced today that he would run as an independent candidate for President in 1948 because, he said, the present course of the United States was leading toward another depression and another war.

In a speech prepared for delivery over the national network of the Mutual Broadcasting System, Mr. Wallace announced flatly and without qualification that he would be a candidate, running on a platform of "peace, progress, and economic and social rights for the common man."

With the backing of numerous "progressive" groups and the Communist Party, Mr. Wallace's entrance into the Presidential race was considered by neutral political observers to have as its main result a substantial weakening of chances for the re-election of President Truman.

United States military aid to China, as well as to Turkey and Greece, was attacked by Mr. Wallace as contributing to the skyrocketing prices in the United States.

Mr. Wallace said: "The American people read of the fantastic appropriations being made for military adventures in Greece, Turkey, China—and billions for armaments here at home. Slowly it dawns on us those newspaper headlines have stepped into our everyday lives... we suddenly realise we can't have all the people of the world getting ready for it in the next day without paying for it in our daily lives with less food, clothing and housing."

### ADMITS NO CHANCE

It was probably the most important development so far in the Presidential picture and may rank in political importance with Theodore Roosevelt's famed bolt from the Republican Party in 1912, which split the Republicans and led to the election of Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. Wallace in effect admitted that he did not have a chance of being elected. "Lukewarm liberals sitting on two chairs say, 'Why throw away your vote?' I say a vote for the new Party in 1948 will be the most valuable vote ever cast or ever will cast. The bigger the peace vote in 1948, the more definitely the world will know the United States is not a policy which is dividing the world into two armed camps and making inevitable the day when American soldiers will be lying in their Arctic suits in Russian snow."

Mr. Wallace said the menace of war "can be met and overcome only by a new political alignment in America, which requires the origination of a new political party." "To that end, I announce tonight that I shall run as an independent candi-

date for President of the United States in 1948."

His terms for supporting the Democratic Party and not running as an independent have already been made, Mr. Wallace said. They included repudiation of proposed universal military training and the "Wall Street military team that is leading us toward war." They also included, he said, curbing the power profits monopoly in industry and concrete steps to preserve the living standards of the American people, guarantee of the civil liberties of the people and an end to segregation and discrimination.

"My terms to the Democratic High Command have been well known (The Democrats) have said, 'Henry Wallace we welcome your support, but we will not change our policies.'"

Mr. Wallace said he personally "was for the humanitarian aspects of the Marshall Plan long before it was announced."

"But I have fought, and shall continue to fight, programmes which give guns to people when they want ploughs. I fight the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan as applied because they divide Europe into two warring camps. Those whom we buy politically with our food will soon desert us. They will pay us in the basic coin of temporary gratitude and then turn to hate us because our policies are destroying their freedom."—United Press.

## Foreign Legion Described As "Inhuman"

Singapore, Dec. 29.—The 10 members of the French Foreign Legion who jumped overboard from the French troopship, Marechal Joffre, bound for Indo-China, and safely reached Sitawan, in West Malaysia, said in an interview today that they had been "shanghaied" into the Legion and would not be taken back into it alive.

The French authorities here, it was understood, unsuccessfully claimed custody of these men. Legally, had the Legionnaires deserted while the ship was in port, they would have had to be returned to the ship.

The Malaysian Department of Immigration was today considering whether the men, six of whom are Italians, two Swis, one German and one Dutch, should be returned to their birth-place, their country of

## Hand-To-Hand Fighting On Greek War Fronts

### GAINS BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS

Athens, Dec. 29.—Hand-to-hand fighting was reported from the fighting fronts today as the Government anti-guerrilla offensive continued to gain ground against the hard-battling Communists, who are reportedly under the personal leadership of General Markos, head of the newly-proclaimed "Free Greece" government.

Guerrillas captured in the wind-shipped hills said that Markos had placed himself at the head of seven battalions of his soldiers and added that they had been told that artillery and air force reinforcements for their cause were expected from "outside Greece" on the vital Konitza front. (Some reports said Markos wanted Konitza as his "capital.")

Guerrilla losses were described as heavy in the fighting on Saturday and Sunday, which included bayonet attacks on Communist posts between Konitza and Jannina. Shooting was going on in the area of the Rambala Heights and near Yeroplafanos and Mavrovounion. Thirty-eight guerrilla bodies were found in the latter districts, while other bodies reportedly had been removed by comrades.

Government troops have occupied the heights south of Grambala, but press dispatches said the guerrillas still controlled the heights of Elafotopos, Vasilikon and Kaliva overlooking the road from Kalp 1 to the Bourazani bridge.

**AIR FORCE IN ACTION**  
Favourable weather yesterday gave the Greek air force its chance and it pounded guerrilla positions, claiming to have destroyed two of six guns which have been shelling Konitza. Konitza troops are still clearing the heights. The town itself suffered a major fire begun by a guerrilla shell.

Military reports from Jannina said an estimated 2,000 guerrillas were fighting in the areas of Grambala and Kalpaki and were attempting to move in reinforcements over the Albanian border.

However, the guerrillas in the Moutain area were said to be retreating towards the frontier after a strong Army counter-attack, in order to escape encirclement. Others who moved northward to the Veloussa heights were reported to have left 58 dead behind against 20 Government casualties.

**JANNINA CONFERENCE**  
The Minister of War (M. Stratos) visited the Jannina military hospital yesterday to see soldiers wounded on the Konitza front. He conferred for three hours with the commander of the Second Army Corps and other military leaders. Reports from Larissa said 150 guerrillas were killed or wounded in the Konitza area, and 60 in the Kalpaki area.

The guerrillas were reported to have shelled Nesorien, north of Konitza. A high Government source who talked by telephone today with M. Stratos in the Konitza fighting area, said the Army appeared to be in control of the situation and many of the newly-arrived reinforcements had not yet gone into action.

The source said he believed unconfirmed reports of greatly increased guerrilla forces were exaggerated and that the maximum guerrilla strength appeared to be about 2,000.—United Press.

**FOREIGN OFFICE REACTION**  
London, Dec. 30.—The British Foreign Office declared today that recognition by any nation of General Vlandes' new guerrilla re-

gime in Greece will be regarded as causing "grave deterioration in the world situation."

The spokesman volunteered the observation at a news conference but would not indicate what action Britain might take if recognition should be accorded.

The spokesman said he knows of no plans for increasing the British force of less than 5,000 men in Greece.—Associated Press.

**BULGARIAN SUPPORT**  
Sofia, Dec. 30.—A mass meeting sponsored by a "Committee to support democratic Greece" on Sunday urged that Bulgarians give moral support to the newly-proclaimed Greek Communist Government and materially support the Greek refugees.—Associated Press.

## TRIBESMEN STRAFED BY PLANES

New Delhi, Dec. 29.—RIAF planes attacked positions taken up by raiding tribesmen in the Mirpur Kotli area and strafed the raiders on the Uri road, the Indian Defence Ministry said in tonight's communiqué on the fighting in Kashmir.

Ammunition dumps were also destroyed by air bombing. Indian army troops shelled concentrations of raiders, inflicting casualties, the communiqué added.

Patrols using mortars engaged a party of raiders, who were carrying away loot and 200 cattle southwest of Deripam.

In Bombay, two platoons of Indian troops, with Sten guns, were stationed at known storm centres in the industrial north of the city and a third stood by at police headquarters, as the biggest-ever one-day general strike of the city's half million workers began at midnight.—Reuter.

## Job Still Open

Washington, Dec. 29.—A high official told the United Press today that Lt-Gen. Albert Wedemeyer was not being considered for the job of administering the United States aid programme for China at this time.

He said officials as yet had no one under consideration for the job. He added that discussion and decision on the man to head up the programme would not occur until after the programme had been submitted and there were indications that it would be approved.—United Press.

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citizenship, or to the port of embarkation.—Reuter.

The escaped Legionnaires alleged that life in the Legion was "inhuman" and that a few men who tried to escape from the Marechal Joffre in the Mediterranean into Spanish Morocco were recaptured and shot after severe punishment.

The escapees added that they believed that seven other Legionnaires, who jumped from the ship in the Malacca Straits, were drowned.

Toni Diserach, a 27-year-old Swiss from Calais, said that he was spending a holiday in France when he got drunk and, on waking in the police lock-up without money or passport, was recruited into the Foreign Legion.

Erich Dietrich, aged 20, of Zurich, said that he was staying with friends in France when he was arrested as an illegal immigrant and given the choice of imprisonment or service in the Legion.

Gerard Mars, a 27-year-old Dutchman, from The Hague, said that he went to Marseilles to see a brother off for Batavia. Running out of money, he "got into trouble" and was recruited into the Legion.

Peter Vichoff, 21, of Dusseldorf, a former corporal in the German Army, said that on being released from a prisoner-of-war camp he found that his parents had been killed and his home destroyed, so he volunteered for two years in the Legion, but later found that he had signed on for five years.

The six Italians said that they were attracted by French offers of work and, after being arrested in Marseilles for illegal entry, were given the choice of prison or the Legion.—Reuter.



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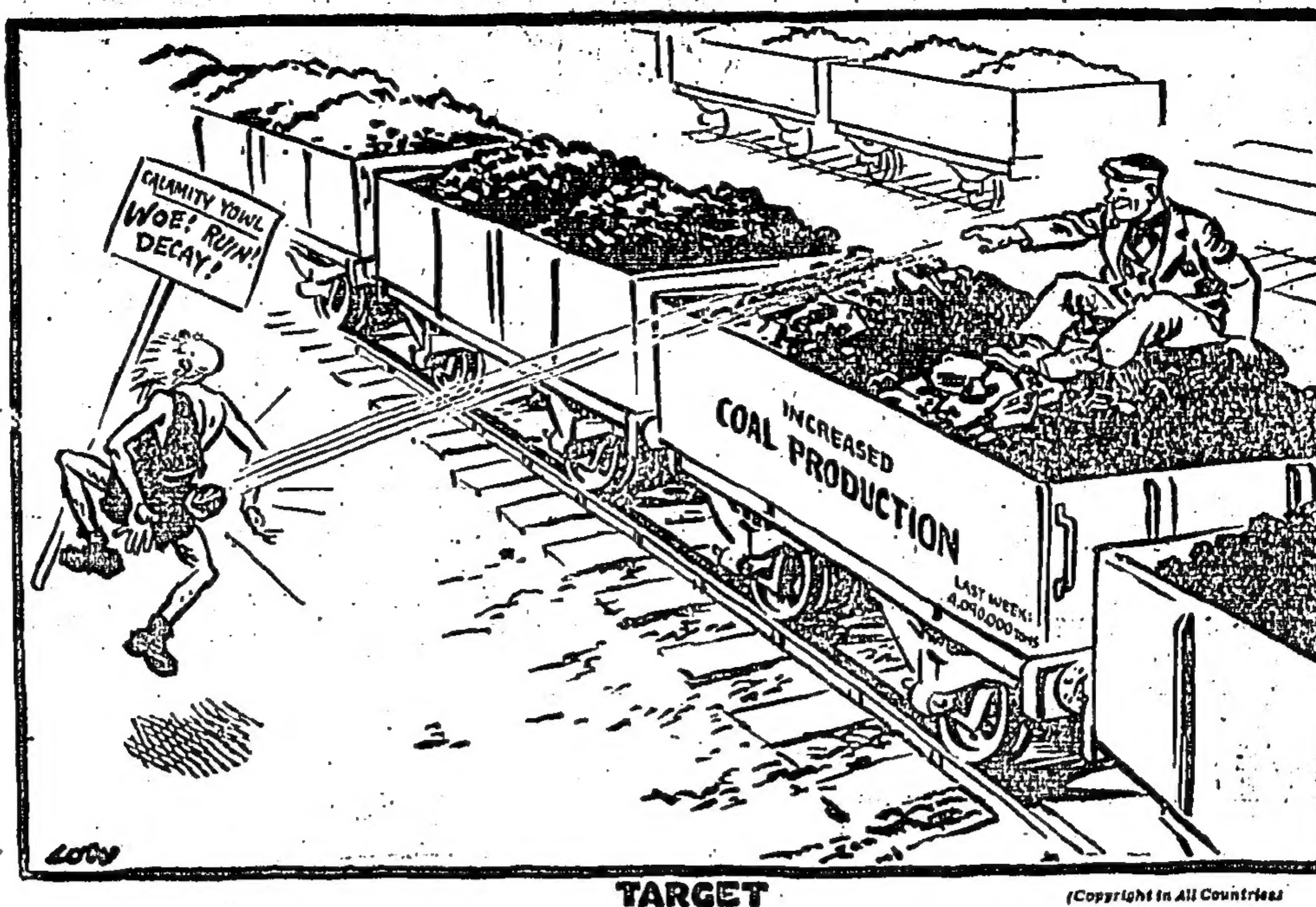
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## Scientists Seek Ancient Near East Culture

TWO University of Chicago professors have embarked on the first archaeological expedition into Western Asia since the war. They are Robert J. Braidwood, Assistant Professor of Old World Prehistory and Anthropology, and Donald B. McCown, research associate in the University's Oriental Institute. Their route lies from New York to Greece and thence to excavation sites in Iraq and Iran. Braidwood, who will be making his seventh Asiatic excavation, will travel to the site of an ancient mound at Qara Yitagh in Iraq, where he will make camp. McCown will work at Iran at the head of the Persian Gulf south of Ahwaz. He will travel over a section of Iran looking for mounds which might prove interesting.

**TO GO FAR BACK**  
Braidwood said he expects to find remnants of cultures ranging from 4,000 B.C. to as far back as 6,000 B.C. in the mound at Qara Yitagh. He said he would employ about 50 native workmen, including pick and shovel men, dirt carriers and women to wash pottery fragments.

Digging will begin early in January 1948 and will continue through next April, when the temperature usually rises to 110 degrees and makes further digging unfeasible.

The two scientists then plan to return to the United States to write preliminary reports of their findings.

Because the cost of living has risen in Iraq, the scientists plan to ship all their supplies, from surveying equipment to lumber and nails, as well as personal needs. They will take trucks, station wagons, refrigerators, portable radios and other equipment.

### CLUES FOUND ON SITE

The mound at Qara Yitagh is about 15 feet high and covers an area slightly smaller than a football field. Broken bits of pottery at the mound's surface give a clue to the dates of remnants of villages once built on the site.

It is believed that mounds in Iraq have been built up through the centuries from successive deterioration and re-building of villages on the same site. The normal masonry material of the early civilisation was unfired mud brick. As the buildings deteriorated and the walls collapsed, new mud brick buildings were built on the site with no attempt to remove the debris.

Braidwood hopes to uncover the lowest layer, representing the earliest village culture of the area. He said that broken pottery and architectural forms of the partially remaining walls should provide a key to the period.

## 'Tradesmen's Entrance' to The BIG FOUR

**JOHN DEANE POTTER**  
presenting six snapshots of the people who kept the V.I.P. machine running while the talks were on...

AT 2.30 on the afternoon of December 8, 25-year-old KATHLEEN HARRIS cut up a lemon into 30 slices. She was making Russian tea.

Until an hour later this was the only unEnglish thing about Lancaster House, next door to St James's Palace, where people queued daily to see Princess Elizabeth's wedding presents.

Then, at 3.30, a short, pre-occupied man, wearing rimless spectacles, hurried up the broad, red-carpeted staircase.

Three men in blue uniforms with crowns in their lapels stood to attention. Mr Molotov—the man from the Kremlin—had arrived for the Foreign Ministers' Conference.

His arrival sounded the alert for Kathleen. As one of the six Naafi girls who looked after the canteen which served the Foreign Ministers and their staffs, she had suddenly assumed V.I.P. rating with her family in Stephendale-road, Fulham.

23 5s.-a-week Kathleen, who was once an A.T.S. gunner, has worked for Naafi for two years. She reckoned this the most exciting job she had had.

One thing puzzled her—the newspaper stories of conflict in the conference room between the Ministers. Yet most evenings she watched Bevin and Molotov eating a smoked-salmon sandwich and drinking a glass of whisky together in her buffet. Said she: "Generally, Molotov and Bevin come marching in together. They behave exactly like old pals."

### MINE HOST

EVERY time Molotov ate a sandwich Naafi clocked up a bill for three shillings. That was the price of a snack in the Foreign Ministers' blue buffet. The bill for this went to a green-walled room on the second floor of

the Treasury in Whitehall. In this room chiefs of the Government Hospitality Department added up how much it cost to entertain Molotov, Marshall, Bidault, and their staffs. Open-handed but tight-lipped they refused to discuss the bill.

Explained an official: "After all, if you invite some friends to your house for dinner you don't go talking about how much the brandy and cigars cost that you gave them."

### TOURIST MISS

TO early-haired Miss MARGARET HALDEN, the Foreign Ministers' Conference meant another 16-hour day. She was one of the 25 American girl secretaries who went to London.

Most travelled of them was Miss Halden, originally of Seattle, Washington, but more recently with conference addresses in Rio de Janeiro, Mexico City, and Moscow.

For breakfast in the Cumberland Hotel she had stewed apples, which made a change from the sausage and sauerkraut with small Caucasian tangerines they offered her in Moscow.

"Bevin?" she repeated the question. "I saw him once at a conference, but I am far too busy in my office to star-gaze at the Big Four. I am lucky if I get a few hours off to explore whatever city I am in at the moment."

### TO MOSCOW

SINCE the conference began 35- tried to examine the cars too chief correspondent of Tass, the official Soviet news agency, had been busy reporting progress to Russian readers.

Basharin, who has lived in London for four years, left his flat in Notting Hill Gate each day at nine o'clock to go to his office on the sixth floor of the white stone-faced Reuter's building in Fleet-street.

In a small room he and his staff of seven—four are English—prepared thousands of words to be cabled to Moscow. To help him, two top-ranking Soviet newspaper men, Yuri Zhukov, and Boris Izakov arrived from America.

The main burden of the work fell on navy-blue suited Basharin, with his blond, cowlick quiff, who chain-smokes American cigarettes all day.

Commented Basharin: "Your job is much harder than mine. I realise I only have to report the conference factually. Your papers have to distort it, and that must be very hard work."

### CROSS-TALK

IN the hall of Lancaster House a messenger tapped vivacious VERA ROBERTS, discreetly dressed in black, on the shoulder.

"Oh dear, I must go at once," she said. "Mr Bevin wants me and I mustn't keep him waiting—he's such a darling."

In fact, it was Lord Pakenham calling....he deputised that day for Mr Bevin.

Miss Roberts, who was born of British parents in Odessa, was one of the two Foreign Office interpreters at the conference. She sat with Bevin and translated his remarks to Molotov.

She seldom got home to her flat in Ashley Court, Westminster, before 10.

Also late arriving at his home in Pinner was 57-year-old ERIC PATON SMITH, chief British interpreter.

His first language was Russian. He was born in Kiev where his father was British consul. He lived there until he was six, learning Russian from his nurse.

### MADEMOISELLE

FLYING in the two motor plane behind Bidault, the French Foreign Minister was the prettiest secretary attending the conference.

She was 25-year-old near-redear ROSA NE TAILLEFERRE, in London for the first time.

When she is at home she lives near the Arc des Triomphe in Paris.

She fingered the red ribbon of the Resistance in the left lapel of her chic black suit as she said: "When I was in the Resistance forging demob orders for underground workers I used to long to go to England. Now I am here I am going to make the most of it."

### AFTER DARK

OUTSIDE Lancaster House, if one tried to examine the cars too closely four policemen—shooed you away.

One of the cars they watched was a long black 60 h.p. model, the only one of its kind in Britain. It was made in the Stalin Plant in Moscow.

After dark a pale-faced man slipped quickly out of the building and jumped into the Stalin car.

A police motor-cyclist, followed by a police car, led the way towards Kensington and the Soviet Embassy. Molotov was on his way home to dinner.

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

GREAT anxiety is beginning to be felt for the Moonbeam and its passengers. No message has been received since the first unintelligible one.

I rang up Professor Clashing, the pseudophysicsist. His opinion was that the Moonbeam may have reached the Moon already, but that the inhabitants were preventing the transmission of any message. Dr Neulich-Heuter, of Frobenbadon, on the other hand, maintained that any message sent from such a distance would be considerably altered during its journey through space, and might even be lost. Professor Nyrom L. Fritters, of Arkansas, held that any message from the moon would arrive so loud that it would shatter a receiving set as big as the Brussels Palace of Justice.

(Tomorrow: What They Will See In The Moon: a ten-thousand word explanation by Professor Dirty).

### To begin with

Horse.

(Messrs. Fladdock and Galvin Ltd, still have a quantity of slot-valves for disposal, 2ins. by 5ins. air-tight, screw-bound, welded, double-clamped, but not ready for use.)

### A terrific idea

THE exhibition of the very latest mining machinery at the Marble Arch was a stroke of genius. Short of bringing a few million tons of coal to Ludgate Circus, to be then shovelled by miners from the North with bands playing, I can think of nothing more likely to increase exports—especially if Cabinet Ministers were photographed on the coal, grinning and waving their hats.

### Epitaph

Here lies a Japanese auctioneer, Who might have been a farmer. He went out in a heat wave in his nightshirt, To climb Mount Fujiama.

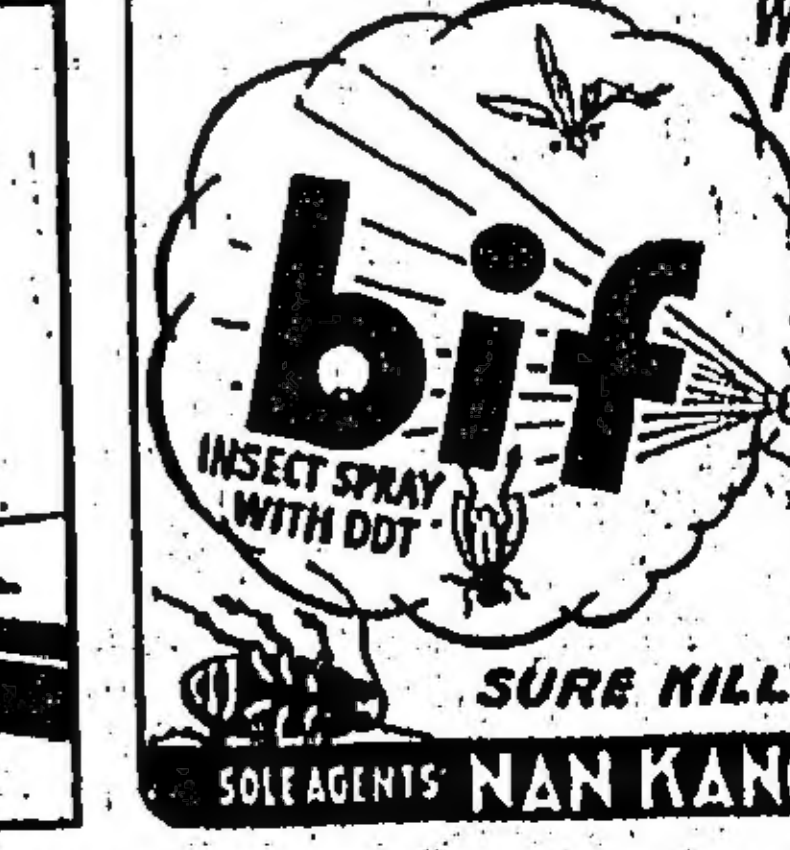
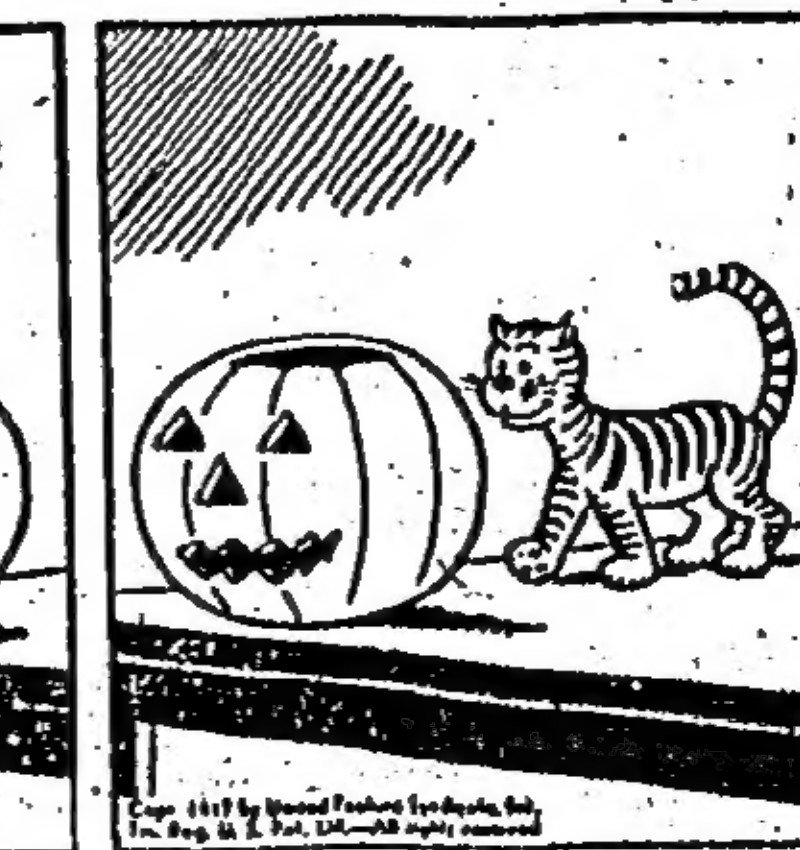
### Joke over

MR DALTON, introducing the president of the International Bank to the Press, remarked that here was yet another former artillery officer who had risen to fame. To emphasise his point, Mr Dalton made a Napoleonic gesture.

### Tail-piece

We forgive other people for having our own vices, and condemn them for not having our own virtues. (BALZAC.)

NANCY Tall Tall



By Ernie Bushmiller

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## Women BEAUTY ARTS

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Here are some useful beauty ideas.

### THIS AND THAT

A light film of cold cream, under your foundation cream, is a perfect makeup for wear on bitter cold days. It gives double protection.

If your skin has any yellowish tones, avoid the Light Reds, both in costume shades and in lipstick shades.

If you have been bleaching your hair and it is wispy and looks like straw, try oiling it the night before your shampoo. And a Blue Rinse will "tone down" that too-too Yellow hair.

Navy Blue is now a "new" colour for Winter wear. It looks new and it is a change from Black. Deep Blue evening gowns are now definitely High Fashion and when worn with Silver accents, they are sensation makers!

If you should be casting about for something really exciting, then choose a Green wool suit. Line the

Jacket with a Camellia-Red satin and match your lips and fingertips to the eye lining.

Wool wedding gowns are new. White wool drapes and hangs beautifully and Silver sequins make glistening, beautiful embroidery on wool.

A tiny makeup kit is now carried in the big alligator bags which are slung from fashionable shoulders. The kit includes a miniature clothes brush—which is really useful! You can give yourself a Brush-off!

Add mineral oil to any little bits of face cream which you haven't used. Beat well and use it as a night cream. It is wonderful for dry skins.

If you have had a cold and are still feeling wretched, try one of your epsom salts baths. Pour a pound of the epsom salts into a tub of hot water. Get in and relax, then take a shower; afterwards, a nap!

### Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE



Here is a set of beauty rules to follow when you tell your "young man" that you'll be ready "in just a minute". Tie your hair back. Spread cleansing cream over face and neck. While the cream is penetrating look over your nails; repair them. Remove the cream. Pat on a lotion, blend on powder foundation. Now powder and rouge. (Dry rouge is quicker). Groom your eyes, put on lipstick. There—you are ready!

### Milk Cheese

HERE are two ways of using some of your milk and cheese.

**SAVOURY CHEESE:** Put 4 oz. roughly grated cheese into a pan, with 4-5 tablespoons milk, and a 1/2-teaspoon onion-salt or coriander seeds, or any other spice or herb you choose.

Bring slowly to the boil, pour into a basin, cover and leave to set—about 48 hours.

If you prefer, you can leave out the flavouring. In any case you'll have one-third more cheese, and it will be easy to spread.

**SOUR MILK CHEESE:** You can use either milk turned to the point where curd and whey separate, or milk that only tastes turned.

Put the milk in a basin, and stand in a little boiling water in a large covered pan.

Keep on lowest possible flame till curd has risen to top of basin. Pour heated milk into muslin cloth, tie cloth ends together and leave to hang on a nail, with a basin beneath to catch the whey.

Leave to drip 3 or 4 hours, then scrape cheese out of muslin, and beat with a fork. Add a little salt to taste.

### SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"This is the first I ever knew you saved money back in the days when you were working for \$12 a week! What did you do with it?"

## Antarctic Relic Tells Story Of Three Heroes

BY DAN L. THRAPP

The Admiralty is trying to locate relatives of three unsung heroes of the Empire who lost their lives doing their duty "during one of the most ambitious and least-remembered British Antarctic expeditions.

Rear Admiral Richard Cruzen, of the U.S. Navy task force commander of the fleet Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd took to the south polar seas last season, started the Admiralty on their search when he turned over to it a relic he found on barren Ross Island, in the Antarctic Ocean. The relic is a copper tube containing an epitaph written by Sir Ernest

Shackleton in tribute to three men who gave up their lives for their comrades.

The three were Lieut. Aeneas Lionel A. Mackintosh, of the Royal Navy, V. J. Hayward and the Rev. A. F. Spencer-Smith. They perished on Shackleton's 1914-15 trans-Antarctic expedition, the most extensive ever planned before the air age made polar travel easy.

Shackleton was already one of the most famous of Antarctic explorers. In 1909 he had sailed to within 97 miles of the South Pole, climbed the Antarctic plateau, and pointed the way to conquest of the Pole by Amundsen and Scott two years later.

After the Pole had been reached, he conceived a plan for crossing the still virtually unknown continent. It was in the way of sailing ships and dog transportation for polar exploration. He divided his expedition, mammoth for that day, into two parts—one half was to base on the Ross Ice Barrier near McMurdo Sound, and the other was to establish itself on the other side of the continent, at the head of Weddell Sea, the shoreline of which has never to this day been mapped or even explored.

### Disaster Struck

Shackleton's party was to be with the Weddell Sea party. He was to sledge overland to the Ross Sea. The party based on the Ross Ice Barrier, on which Little America stands, was to lay a string of bases across the Barrier to the foot of the mountains rimming the polar plateau on that side. Shackleton's party would reach the South Pole from the Weddell Sea, then push on land, and by the time their supplies gave out, they would pick up the caches laid by the other group. It was a good though daring plan for the days before radio communication, and it might have worked had not disaster struck both parties.

Shackleton's party's two ships both got caught in the pack ice of the Weddell Sea, without ever reaching the coast. They drifted helplessly for months. Finally the ice pressure proved too great and the ships were crushed and sunk.

After incredible hardship Shackleton's party reached Elephant Island and he, in an open boat, reached South Georgia and sent back a rescue vessel.

Meanwhile, the Ross Sea party was in difficulties. With Mackintosh as leader, Hayward, Spencer-Smith, former Petty Officer E.E.M. Joyce and Petty Officer H.E. Wild were landed on the Ross Barrier. The expedition's ship, the Aurora, which contained most of their supplies and which was supposed to winter next to the camp, was caught in pack ice and blown out to sea. "It could not return."

### Task Accomplished

But in order that Shackleton's party might not be stranded on the great white wastes of mid-continent, Mackintosh and his party accomplished their allotted task.

They successfully laid out the caches covering a distance of 950 miles in 162 days, but they fell from exhaustion and that scourge of polar explorers, scurvy. Three of them died. The two petty officers survived to tell of their hardships.

Shackleton personally wrote an epitaph for them and left it in the copper tube which Admiral Cruzen found. It said in part: "Let me pay in a minute life's glad arrears of pain, darkness and cold."

The Admiralty is trying to locate relatives of the men, so that the full text of the message may be given them.—United Press.

## SOVIET OFFER REJECTED BY BIDAULT

France turned down a "tempting offer" from Russia before the Moscow conference of the Council of Foreign Ministers, when Premier Stalin sought to win France's opposition to the United States and Britain, a magazine article now asserts.

The article, written for Collier's Magazine, said Stalin offered a "rich prize" if the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, would join him in opposing the other two major powers.

It said that Stalin, at a personal meeting with Bidault, pledged support for France's claims for the Saar in return for her support of Russian demands for reparations from current production in Germany.

M. Bidault replied, according to the article, that he considered the question of the Saar closed and that he was interested only in a "four-power bloc."

The writer of the article, O. Henry Brandon, did not disclose the source of his information about the meeting, which he said took place around midnight in a Kremlin chamber.

The article said M. Bidault sensed the full meaning of the bargain when he rejected Stalin's proposal. The magazine also asserted that this reply resulted in cold relations between France and Russia and "swung France over to side with the United States in its struggle to save Europe from Russian Communism."—United Press.

## BRINGS DEAD TO LIFE

There are two kinds of death, says Russian Professor V. A. Negovsky, of Moscow's Neurosurgical Institute.

They are: (1) Clinical or relative death, and (2) biological or true death.

The former means the absolute cessation of heart action and respiration, although metabolism continues. Five or six minutes after this state sets in comes Death Number Two.

During that six minutes intervention could give renewed life.

Professor Negovsky knows how: into the "tactical artery" (the chief artery of the upper arm) he injects a mixture of blood, grape sugar, hydrogen peroxide and adrenalin, heated to 38-40 degrees centigrade. Simultaneously artificial respiration is applied with special apparatus.

As a rule, says the Professor, the heart begins to contract rhythmically 30 to 40 seconds after injection.

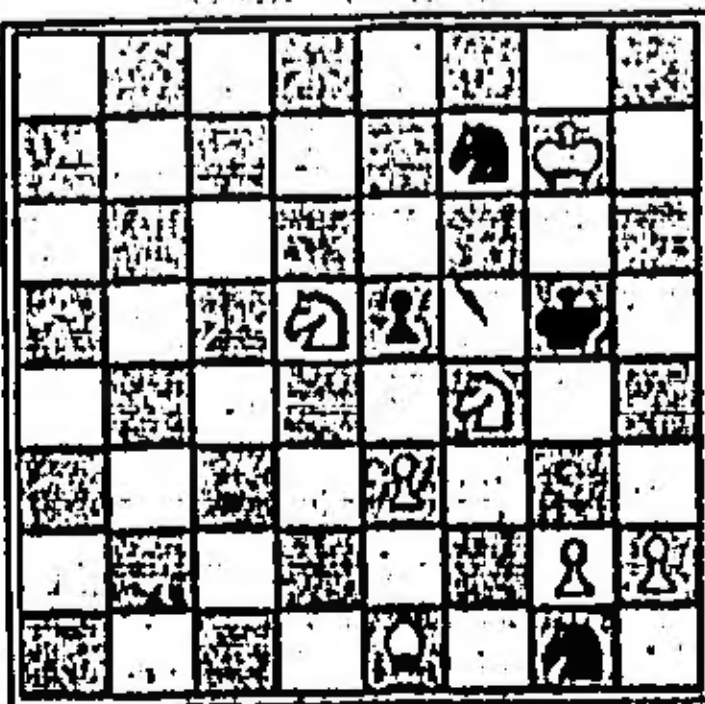
The vital functions of the organism may only be revived if Death Number One has set in as result of external injury, asphyxiation, or weakening in vital activity.

But if cessation of blood circulation exceeds six minutes the patient has definitely "had it."

### CHESS PROBLEM

By A. W. GALITZKY

Black, 4 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.  
White to play and mate in three.  
Solution to "Yesterday's Problem":

1. Q. R4, any? 2. Q. R, B or P (dis ch) mate.

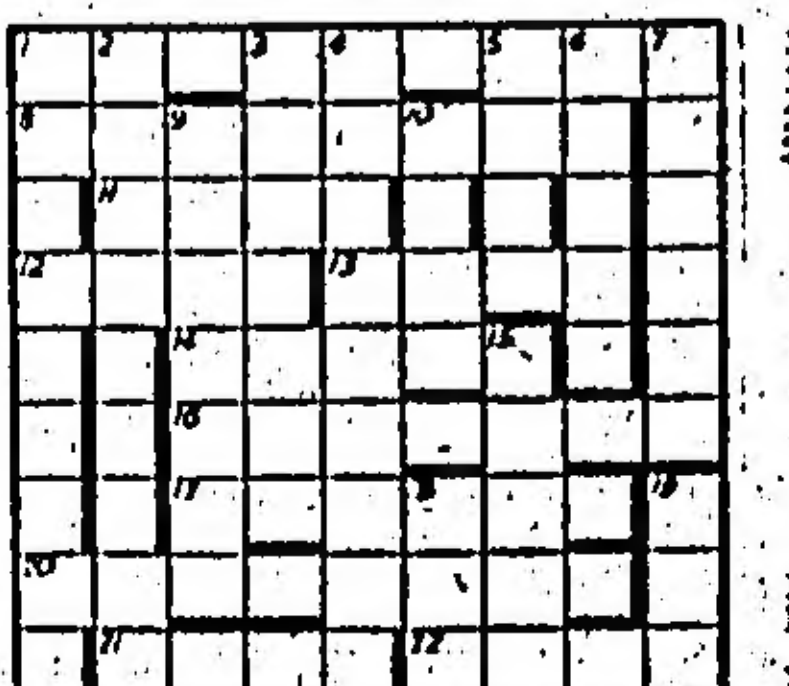
### Rupert and the Big Bang—4



Bill and Algy run off towards their home, but Rupert keeps Bingo in sight and tries away in the other direction. To his surprise, the brainy pup doesn't make for his own cottage, but swerves away to a lonely part of the common and down to the ruined walls of an old deserted building. "This is all very odd," says Rupert. "Does he have to come to this queer place to do his new work?" Just then Bingo drops into a hollow and disappears from sight.

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



10. It's a charge. (7)  
17. This set led to the aged. (6)  
20. Based by a vile feed. (8)  
21. Ereck. (4)  
Down  
1. Rhylcock certainly was. (9)  
2. Meek. (6)  
3. Outlaws the law. (7)  
4. The officer to order her about? (9)  
5. Considered beautiful in the swan may be scraggy with humans. (6)  
6. Outstayed. (6)  
7. See 1 Across.  
8. The way to cram sis into a sweetmeats. (7)  
9. How does break? (4)  
10. It is used to bearing the like-ness of others. (6)  
11. Is the night bird? (3)  
12. Well-known river. (6)  
Solution of yesterday's puzzle: Across: 1. Bitter. 2. Tale. 3. Binge. 4. Gull. 5. Vain. 6. Aerial. 7. Gain. 8. Down. 9. Down. 10. Down. 11. Down. 12. Down. 13. Down. 14. Down. 15. Down. 16. Down. 17. Down. 18. Down. 19. Down. 20. Down. 21. Down.

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## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Makes Small Slam With Only One Ace

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

Mathe	None	None	None
None	K 10873	None	None
None	K 904	None	None
None	J 1062	None	None
Q 842	W	A 3903	None
952	E	None	None
A 83	S	Q 107	82
A 74	Dealer	82	82
A 1075			
A 3764			
K 83			
Tournament—Neither vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Opening—♠ 9			
10			

I THINK the most spectacular player that we will meet Pacific coast at the Regional Tournament to be held at Coronado Beach, will be Lou Mathe of Los Angeles. Lou was a flyer in the last war and made many successful missions over German territory.

I like today's hand, which he played, for two reasons. First, it is a good example of not hide-binding yourself to a slam convention. If Lou had bid four no-trump and found out he was off three aces, I am sure he would never have reached the slam contract. However, having reached the slam his job was not over. It took very careful timing to make the contract.

West won the first trick with the ace of clubs, upon which the king was played from dummy, and now shifted to the deuce of trump which Lou won with the seven of hearts. East played the nine of spades. Mathe correctly figured West must have the ace of diamonds to justify the double, so at this point he led a small diamond and ruffed in dummy with the jack of hearts, came back to his own hand by leading the six of hearts which he took in his hand.

The six of diamonds was trumped with the queen of hearts. Lou then led a club, winning in his own hand with the ten-spot, and led the nine of diamonds, trumping in dummy with the ace. Now he came back to his hand with the jack of clubs, picked up the trump and claimed the balance of the tricks.

### Check Your Knowledge

1. Name Alexander Graham Bell's partner in the invention of the telephone.
2. What country is generally attributed with the production of the best cigars?
3. Name the three Archangels.
4. Of the two composers Gilbert and Sullivan, who wrote the libretto and who composed the music?
5. Name the longest river in Europe.
6. The apricot is native to what continent?

(Answers on Page 4)

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## Blizzard Delays Rescue Teams

New York, Dec. 29.—Planes and dog teams were standing by at Nome, Alaska, today awaiting a break in a 40 miles per hour blizzard, which is sweeping the area, so that they could set out to rescue the airmen from the two crashed planes and a glider stranded in frozen wasteland more than 100 miles away.

One of the stranded planes, a Dakota, towing a glider, was forced down through engine trouble while nearing the spot where four survivors of a Superfortress that crashed last Tuesday after an Arctic flight were awaiting rescue. Five of the Dakota's crew, all of whom were unhurt, were picked up by another rescue plane fitted with skis and flown back to Nome, while others stayed behind to prepare the glider for a pick-up.

—Reuter.

## NOT EXCITED OVER LATEST SOVIET NOTE

Washington, Dec. 29.—Russian complaints about American plane flights over the Kurile Islands were brushed off today by United States Government officials with the tart comment that Soviet aircraft had been equally guilty in trespassing on American-occupied Southern Korea.

The officials made the counter-charges as an informal reply to a protest Moscow lodged with the State Department here against what it called "illegal" American flights over the Russian-held Kuriles north of Japan.

These officials said the State Department had received many similar complaints from Moscow since the war ended. They said United States policy towards them was that they should be addressed to General MacArthur and not to Washington.

One informant said: "There have been many, if not more, Russian violations out there, but we don't get excited about them."

He added that the latest Soviet protest was being forwarded to General MacArthur.—United Press.

## QUEENSLAND LOSES TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide, Dec. 29.—South Australia beat Queensland by nine wickets in their Sheffield Shield match which ended here today. Queensland were set for an innings defeat but by reaching 244 in their second innings they forced South Australia to bat again for three runs which were scored for the loss of a wicket.

During the earlier days of the match, South Australia made 490 in reply to Queensland's 248, and then Queensland were 101 for two when Saturday's play closed.

Today Queensland collapsed to lose 5 wickets for 84 runs at one stage, and the position was serious when Colin McCool was called off the field while battling and left for Brisbane owing to the illness of his mother.—Reuter.

### Cricket Board Meets

Melbourne, Dec. 29.—The Australian Cricket Board of Control began meeting here today when it approved the itinerary for next summer's tour of England.

Several important items on the agenda will include the choosing of a team manager and the fixing of allowances for the Australian team which is visiting England. The Board will also decide whether to select the touring party after the fourth or fifth matches with India, which start on January 29 at Adelaide and February 12 at Melbourne respectively.

Before today's session ended the Board approved the plan for a panel of umpires in each state whereby first-class umpiring experience would cover a wider area than providing a larger number of men from whom Test match umpires would be chosen and especially more milk. The latter is a general complaint, as the milk ration has been reduced since last summer owing to the drought.

The Americans will shortly be joined by an 18-man team from Canada headed by Sydney Dawes, president of the Canadian Olympic Committee, together with the famous coach, Emil Allais. They plan to establish their headquarters here on January 2.—United Press.

### CHESS CONGRESS

Hastings, Sussex, Dec. 29.—Leading results at today's opening of the Hastings International Chess Congress were:

Sir George Thomas (Britain) beat G. Abraham (Britain); C. H. D. Alexander (Britain) drew with A. Fairhurst (Britain) and H. Szabo (Hungary) beat H. Golombek (Britain).—Reuter.

### INTERNATIONAL POLO

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—An all-star team representing the San Francisco Polo Association defeated a team from the Greenpoint Polo Club of Australia four goals to three before a crowd of 7,000 at Golden Gate Park on Sunday.

Will Tevis, captain of the San Francisco team, broke a three-

# TRUCE HOPES IN INDONESIA

Batavia, Dec. 29.—The Indonesian Republican Government will accept a cease-fire truce with the Dutch in a letter shortly to be sent to the Security Council's "good offices" committee, which put forward a third plan for a speedy and effective agreement in Indonesia, Republican sources said today.

## TRADE TALKS IN HAVANA FACE SNAGS

Havana, Dec. 29.—The United Nations conference on trade and employment resumed full activity today after the Christmas lull still faced by several major problems.

One big advance achieved so far came when the United States delegation announced its readiness to accept a system of equal voting in the proposed International Trade Organization on the basis of "one country one vote." Previously the United States supported a "weighted vote" system favouring big industrial powers.

Since it opened on November 21, the conference's six committees and sundry sub-committees have held about 150 meetings devoted chiefly to consideration of nearly 600 amendments suggested by various delegations to the proposed ITO charter drafted by the preparatory Geneva conference.

The big controversial issues still unsolved include:

First, whether economically undeveloped countries should retain a free hand to protect their infant industries by import quotas and similar quantitative restrictions without prior ITO approval.

America's Clair Wilcox warned that such freedom would be tantamount to "economic anarchy" and hopes of economic peace would be doomed by it.

Second, whether preferential trade agreements are going to be limited to those already in force and recognised under the Geneva charter, or are underdeveloped countries to be allowed to conclude new preferential agreements.

Third, the scope and powers of the ITO's tariff commission.

Fourth, the composition of ITO's governing board.—United Press.

The statement followed a special week-end meeting of the Indonesian Cabinet at Jogjakarta, and the arrival here today of the Republican negotiating committee.

The Republican acceptance of the plan was understood to be conditional, but it was believed that the letter would contain "helpful" suggestions.

Dr. Louis Beel, Dutch Prime Minister, met Mr. Selindit, Indonesian Vice-Premier, "on neutral soil" at the American Consulate-General here today.

This was arranged by Mr. Charles Liveness, United States Consul General, who provided a special room for an informal talk, which lasted one hour, about the Dutch-Indonesian dispute.

The meeting, it is understood, was arranged with the knowledge of the United Nations Security Council's "good offices" committee on Indonesia. No official information has been given about the meeting.

Dr. Amir Sjarifuddin, Indonesian Republican Prime Minister, did not return with the Republican delegation, as he was ill and had urgent affairs to which he must pay attention in the Republican capital, Republican sources said.

### Bomb Explosion

At first it was thought here that his absence from the Republican delegation indicated the possibility of a new hitch in the negotiations, but members of the Republican delegation denied this so far as they were concerned.

Before he left here for Jogjakarta on December 22, Dr. Sjarifuddin said that he would not return to Batavia until "real talks" on the substantive political issues were ready to begin.

Dutch sources indicated yesterday that the Dutch delegation had accepted between 80 and 90 percent of the proposals.

Two Dutch soldiers and two Indonesian civilians were injured when a bomb exploded here, it was reported today.

The bomb was thrown at a group of soldiers and civilians in the residential part of Batavia during the week-end.

This was the third bomb explosion in the past few days, bringing the total casualties to two dead and 21 injured.—Reuter.

### East Sumatra State

Batavia, Dec. 30.—A Dutch spokesman disclosed today the formation of the first Dutch-approved state in the N.E.I. territory over which the Dutch had recognised the authority of the Indonesian Republic under the Charter Pact.

The new state is East Sumatra, embracing the islands of the coast coast area over which the Dutch retained control during two weeks of "police action" last July.

It has a population of about 2,000,000—mainly Malays—and includes most of the European and American-owned rubber, palm oil and tobacco plantations.

The spokesman said that the Dutch Governor-General, Dr. Hubertus van Mook, in a Christmas Day decree raised East Sumatra to a state (Negara) from the status of "Daerah Istimewa," which has some autonomous power but is usually a unit of a state.

A well-informed Dutch source said the island of Madura is expected to receive autonomous status in a very short time, either as a state or Daerah Istimewa. The states will become full members of a Federated United States of Indonesia, which the Dutch plan to set up, the source said.—Associated Press.

## IRAQ HEALTH MEASURES

Baghdad, Dec. 29.—Anti-smallpox vaccine sufficient for 200,000 doses was today sent from Iraq to help combat an epidemic of smallpox in the Lebanon.

The chief health officer of the Mosul district of Northern Iraq has issued an appeal to the nation and the tribes to undergo immediate inoculation against cholera, cases of which have recently been reported from Syria.

The closing of Iraq's borders adjoining Syria and Turkey has been ordered, and rail and road traffic suspended until further notice.

The ban has also been placed on the movements of nomadic tribes.—Reuter.

### Shanghai Budget

Shanghai, Dec. 30.—The City Government's 1948 budget shows expenditures of CN\$1,340,000,000. It was reliably reported today.

The budget, under the study of the City Council since September, has not yet been approved, but it is believed it will be approved soon.

The original budget showed expenditures of CN\$880,000,000 but added CN\$460,000,000 pending clarification by Nanking whether the threatened slashing of Municipal employees is to be carried out.

City Government officials said the budget amount would be covered by revenues mainly through taxes on amusements and business transactions.—United Press.



"Before we were married, he was the life of every party."

## Threat To Withdraw All BBC Performers

London, Dec. 29.—The British Broadcasting Company, a government-sponsored monopoly which theoretically is non-commercial, faced an entertainment crisis today because it wants to stop carrying advertisements.

## KOREAN RADIO HITS AT AMERICA

Seoul, Dec. 29.—After a month of comparative silence the Soviet-controlled North Korean radio at Pyongyang for the past three weeks has begun an anti-American campaign unprecedented in the history of the occupation.

A recent broadcast spelled apparent doom to hopes that the Soviets might experience a last-minute about face and co-operate with the United Nations Korea Commission.

The Korean commentator said the Commission "which the American imperialists and South Korean reactionaries are fanatically publicising will be of no avail before the united democratic might of South and North Korea. It is a kind of commission of which American imperialists are very fond."

The commentator added that the Greek, Indonesian and Korean commissions were "all formed by American imperialists and designed to cover up the sinister aggressive ambitions of the Americans," but warned: "It is only patent that the United Nations temporary commission to Korea will also prove its uselessness."—United Press.

## Children See Vision

Four little girls who live in the village of Bouchard, near Tours, claim to have seen a vision of the Virgin Mary. More than 1,000 people from the surrounding districts crowded into the village church of St. Gilles recently, where the children affirmed that the Virgin, in white, has appeared to them at 1.30 p.m. precisely every day since December 9, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

When the four children maintained that the vision would appear before the expectant congregation as a "beam of sunlight," spectators maintain that a bright ray of light flashed through the church and shone on the faces of the children for several minutes, although the weather was cloudy and no sun was shining.

Jacqueline Aubrey (12), her sister Jeanne (7), Laura Croiz (8) and Nicole Talin (10), who all tell the same story, say that they first saw "a beautiful lady in white" when they visited the church on their way back to school on December 8, Jacqueline, who is short-sighted and wears glasses, says that the vision promised her perfect sight.

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## DISPUTES OVER BONUSES

Shanghai, Dec. 30.—The Bureau of Social Affairs' year-end bonus committee today ruled that all year-end gratuities, which in principle should be one month's salary, be paid before January 15.

However, 22 cases of labour-management disputes have already been reported in connection with the bonuses. In some cases the workers demanded more than one month's wages while in others the management sought permission to make a smaller payment due to the business slump.

The British-owned Yee Tsong Tobacco Company's workers staged a "go slow" strike in a dispute over the mode of payment although the management agreed to one month's wages.

The workers demanded payment before January 15, while the Company suggested that the final payment be made before February 15.—United Press.

The Theatre Managers' Association, which controls the activities of most of the top rank performers on the British stage, announced it would withdraw its artists as from January 1 unless the B.B.C. gave radio recognition to the manager holding the artist's contract.

This has been done in the past by stating on the air "so and so appears by kind permission of so and so."

Now the B.B.C. says it wishes to restrict these acknowledgments to the official programme printed in the Radio Times, which it publishes.

Theatre managers contend, however, that films, organisations and stars are constantly receiving such acknowledgments and it wants the same privileges.

This is not the only headache facing the B.B.C.

Frederic Dambman, a mild-mannered man whose only resemblance to America's James C. Petrillo is that he also heads a musician's union, has posed another problem.

Unlike his trans-Atlantic counterpart, Dambman rarely makes drastic demands on employers of musicians and even more rarely backs them with threats of strike action. But his Christmas present was a demand for an increase for certain types of programmes. He wants musicians in theatres whose shows are broadcast—a regular BBC feature—to be paid the same £2 or £3 they would receive if they travelled to the studio. At present they receive 12s. 6d. extra per broadcast.

If the "strike" goes into effect on January 1 the BBC will have to find 12 hours a week of entertainment to replace the theatre broadcasts alone. This will involve costly use of live talent, since the musicians' union already has an agreement limiting the number of recorded programmes.

Theatre managements, aware of the tremendous advertising value of a show broadcast, are reported to be considering the paying of the extra fees themselves.

Meanwhile, Dambman indicated there might be a sympathy strike here against recording companies if Petrillo carried out his threat to halt recordings in the United States. This would be done to prevent records made here from being shipped to the United States.—United Press.

## DANISH PLANE CRASHES

Copenhagen, Dec. 29.—A Danish passenger plane, which left Paris this evening crashed into the sea some 500 metres from Kastrup Airport tonight.

The plane was believed to be carrying five passengers and a crew of four, including an Englishman, Captain Whitfield.

The plane was partly submerged, and the number of victims was not immediately known.—Reuter.

## 400,000 STRIKE IN BOMBAY

Bombay, Dec. 30.—Some 400,000 workers went on strike today in a 24-hour protest against what they called the failure of machinery for settling labour disputes.

Textile, port and railway work-shops employees formed the bulk of the strikers, who represent 60 Socialist and 25 Communist unions.

Five thousand Socialist volunteers toured the city appealing to pickets to remain peaceful. Police convoys patrolled the city.—Associated Press.

## Prison For Priest And Nuns

Belgrade, Dec. 30.—A priest, three nuns and nine other persons were sentenced to prison with hard labour today by a court in Maribor on charges of helping war criminals to escape from Yugoslavia.—Associated Press.

# Jewish Agency Split Over Communism

Jerusalem, Dec. 29.—The Jewish Agency for Palestine is reported to have split on the issue of Communism. The split is indicated, informed observers said, by the resignation of Moshe Shoh, head of the Agency's European office, on Sunday. They said it was in protest against Anglo-American orientation of the Agency's foreign policy.

## FUNDS FOR RELIEF OF CHILDREN

Washington, Dec. 29.—Mr. Donald R. Sabin today said that the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, of which he is assistant director of field operations, had allocated US\$5,000,000 to children in the Far East—70 percent to China.

Mr. Sabin said the fund reached "only one out of 10 children it ought to be helping."

After a four-month tour of Europe, the Assistant Director told a press conference: "UNICEF is doing its utmost to alleviate the situation, but can do no more than scratch the surface with the funds available."

The most UNICEF can do is provide a daily supplement of only 300 calories of vital foods—milk, fats, proteins—to an otherwise very inadequate diet.

Discussing France, he said: "As in Czechoslovakia, the drought prevented a normal harvest and animals were being slaughtered on a large scale because they could not be fed. There is a milk shortage and it will get steadily worse. In December, only one month's supply of powdered milk was left to infants."

He said the UNICEF was currently shipping milk to France for some 200,000 children, but said that lack of funds limited the allocation to France to US\$500,000.—United Press.

## SPECULATED IN WHEAT

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Clinton Anderson, today revealed that President Truman's personal physician, Brig. Gen. Wallace Graham, speculated in 50,000 bushels of wheat on the Chicago market last September.

He also disclosed the names of three Agriculture Department employees and 97 other federal, state and local government employees who speculated in wheat on the Chicago market.

Mr. Anderson released a list of 100 government employees. The list included employees of the War Assets Administration, officers of the U.S. Army, employees of the Veterans' Administration, naval officers, postal employees and other federal officials.

Mr. Edwin Pauley, special assistant to the Army Secretary, was named as a speculator who purchased 25,000 bushels on September 18. Mr. Pauley took his job on September 30. He was not the biggest operator on the list.—United Press.

### OUTWARD MAILS

On Thursday, January 1, 1948 the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be one delivery of ordinary and registered correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from pillar boxes. The Money Order Office will be closed until January 1, 1948. Registered articles and parcels close 10 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. Parcel closes before 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30  
Closing Times by Sea and Air

Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo (Nairobi, Johannesburg & Mombasa via Cairo) August 3 p.m.

Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking 3.30 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin & Shekhi (Sea) 1 p.m. Canton (Train) 2 p.m. Amoy (Sea) 2 p.m. Amoy (Train) 2 p.m. Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi & Kowloon (Sea) 4 p.m. Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, East & South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool (Sea) 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31  
Closing Times by Air

Swatow, Tientsin and Amoy 6.30 a.m. Manila, P.I., Honolulu, USA & Canada, 10 a.m.

Manila, P.I. 3.30 p.m. Canton, Luchoo, Kwanming, Tientsin, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking 3.30 p.m.

Canton (Train) 7 a.m. Macao, Tientsin & Shekhi (Sea) 8 a.m. Canton (Sea) 10 a.m. Manila, P.I. (Sea) 10 a.m. Amoy (Sea) 10 a.m. Amoy (Train) 10 a.m. Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi & Kowloon (Sea) 4 p.m. Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

### TO-DAY'S RADIO

H.K.T. Studio: Anniversary Half Hour presented by Monica Foster, 6.30 p.m. Variety 6.50. Studio: "See Tee" on Sport 7. London Relay: World and Home News 7.15. Studio: Red Feller at the Piano 7.25. Studio: Stage and Screen Favorites presented by Allen Woods 8.05. Mozart Concerto No. 1 in G Major, Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Symphony Orchestra 8.20. D.B.C. Transcription Service: "The London Radio Orchestra" 8.30.

Report: 9.11. Studio: A Play—"The Ugly Duckling" by A. A. Milne A Hongkong Stage Club Production Produced by Philip Burn 9.45. D.B.C. Transcription Service: "Serenade to the Stars" 10. Music: "4 Hots 10.15. "Cabaret" and Dance Music (Records): 11. Close Down.

It was reported that he favoured closer co-operation with Russia and the Communist-dominated Balkan governments and opposed the Agency's acceptance of the partition of Palestine.

Shoh's name was closely linked with the great new exodus of Jews from behind the Iron Curtain which the Jewish Agency unsuccessfully attempted to halt after the United Nations partition decision became known.

Reports from Istanbul said the two former American liners, Pan Crescent and Pan York, at present flying the Panamanian flag, had passed through the Bosphorus en route from Rumania to the Holy Land. The reports said the Turkish authorities who inspected the ships reported there were 11,154 refugees aboard the Pan Crescent and 5,000 aboard the Pan York. Turkish medical officers inspected the ships and gave them permission to proceed.

Reports from Bucharest said Shoh was active in organising the exodus and the ships sailed fully loaded despite orders from Palestine to cancel the voyage.

Another Jewish refugee ship, renamed November 29th to mark the date of the partition approved by the United Nations, was intercepted near the Palestine coast on Sunday night with 650 persons aboard who were brought to Haifa for transshipment to Cyprus.—United Press.

### CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Thomas A. Watson.
2. Cuba.
3. Gabriel, Michael and Raphael.
4. Gilbert was the librettist and Sullivan the composer.
5. The Volga River.
6. Asia.

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All members are earnestly requested to attend.

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